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Please replace claim 2 with the following amended claim 2:

2. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the temperature interval is between 300°C and 600°C.

Please replace claim 5 with the following amended claim 5:

5. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the identification is applied in the form of a bar code.

Please replace claim 6 with the following amended claim 6:

6. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that said bar code is applied annularly onto cylindrical portion of the sample container in a manner that said bar code is readable along the cylindrical axis.

Please replace claim 7 with the following amended claim 7:

7. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the identification is applied along with numerals and/or letters.

Please replace claim 8 with the following amended claim 8:

8. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the identification is applied in the form of numerals and/or letters.

Please replace claim 9 with the following amended claim 9:

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that symbols are also applied by the identification.